सैनिक बलों की संख्या की समय-समय पर संवीक्षा की जाती है और आवश्यकतानुसार बलों में वृद्धि करने संबंधी कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Construction of residential quarters for the employees of Akashvani Kendra, Gorakhpur

*420. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that land was purchased more than three years back for the construction of residential quarters for the officers and staff of Akashvani Kendra, Gorakhpur;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in taking up the construction of the residential quarters; and

(c) by when the construction work is likely to be taken up and the period by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) A site measuring 2·92 acres was handed over by the Gorakhpur Development Authority to All India Radio in June, 1987 for construction of staff quarters. Due to paucity of funds and cost escalation, the proposal was revised. This delayed the taking up of construction work of the residential quarters. The revised proposal has now been approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee.

(c) The construction work is envisaged to be taken up during the current year and completed by the end 1991.

Impact of autonomy to AIR and Doordarshan on the Planning process

@2268. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission had set up a working group to examine among other things, the impact of Government's policy to grant autonomy to the All India Radio and Doordarshan on the Eighth Five Year Plan and on the long term planning process ;

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the group ;

(c) whether the working group has since submitted its report; and

(d) if so, what are the main recommendations thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed. (*See below*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

In the context of the preparation of the Eighth Five Year Plan a Working Group on Information and Broadcasting has been set up by the Government of India, Planning Commission, vide order No. M-12068/1/89-CIB, dated 13-12-1989.

The terms of the working group are as follows:

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